



Saturday Sailing

May to October, 2026
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Event Rules (ER)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 These Event Rules combine the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC).
- 1.4 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the Zone of any rounding or finishing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.5 Any boat using the RVYC Jericho cranes must comply with the Secondary Lifting Sling Requirements posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 For the Elliott 6m Class, RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) will apply.
- 1.7 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is deleted and replaced with: "if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.8 Appendix T1 applies.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at www.royalvan.com/ods.
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 67, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.
- 3.4 [DP] [While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 The race committee will attempt to announce sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF radio shortly after the start. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats in the Elliott 6m, International 6m (6mR), Lightning, Martin 242 and Star classes. Skippers or boats other than Elliott 6m must be members of their respective class associations.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, before midnight on the Friday before each Saturday regatta.

5 FEES

Entry fees for Saturday Sailing are \$15 for RVYC members and \$20 for non-members, plus applicable taxes and processing fees. Fees for RVYC members will be billed on Mondays to the member account. Fees for non-members will be paid at registration.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted every second Saturday beginning May 16 and continuing through the summer. Dates are May 16, June 6 & 27, July 25, August 8 & 22, September 5 (two days) & 26, October 10 & 24.
- 6.2 Four races a day are scheduled.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1100 hours; no warning signal will be displayed after 1530.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

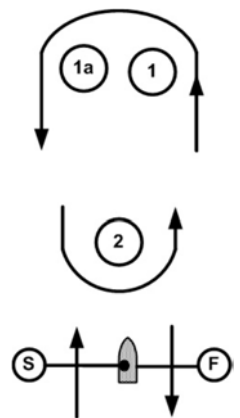
- 7.1 The flag pole is on the north side of the main clubhouse.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – Finish.
For International 6mR class, mark 1a will not be set.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 1a will be pink marks, except for the International 6mR class where mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable.
Mark 2 will be a red mark.
Mark S will be an orange mark and mark F will be a blue and white inflatable.



10 THE START

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made. This changes Appendix S.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. This changes Appendix S.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 A line beginning at the northwest corner of the Royal Vancouver YC Jericho breakwater, through a series of orange and white can buoys ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at Jericho Sailing Centre, delimits an obstruction. Boats may not pass south of this line.
- 12.2 Boats may not enter City of Vancouver swim areas off Jericho Beach, Kitsilano and Spanish Banks. These are designated as an obstruction.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 In the event of injury to a competitor the RVYC Safety Plan applies.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 13.3 [DP] Boats shall not obstruct commercial traffic and must obey all warning signals and directions from commercial and race committee vessels.

14 TIME LIMITS

	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
International 6mR	40 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes
Other boats	30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

- 14.2 Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalised under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (Replaces Section 13 of APPENDIX S)

- 15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 may, after finishing the race, notify the race committee at racecommittee@rvan.ca before midnight on the day of the race that she accepts a Scoring Penalty calculated as specified in rule 44.3(c).
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available on the official notice board.
- 15.3 [DP] The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 15.4 Scoring inquiries and questions around finishing order and missing sail numbers may be submitted to racecommittee@rvan.ca.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 CHARTERED BOATS

Elliott 6m boats are available for charter by RVYC members. For more information see www.royalvan.com/boat-charters .

18 BERTHING

Visiting boats may request overnight and after-racing docking at Jericho marina.

19 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. '

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover per incident of \$3,000,000.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the race committee at racecommittee@rvan.ca.